



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING In the Application of: Bianchi, John R., et al. I hereby certify that this paper (and all papers referred to herein) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, Serial No.: 09/941,154 postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Filed: August 27, 2001 Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on: "Assembled Implant" For: August 17, 2004 Group Art Unit: 3738 Examiner: Paul B. Prebilic Donald J. Pochopien Registration No. 32,167 **Attorney for Applicants**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Communication of 03/17/04, imposing a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 on pending claims 11-14 and 30-101, for which a response was due 04/17/04, now extended 4 months to 08/17/04, the Applicants hereby respond as follows:

REMARKS:

page 2